Howells as county commissioner again.

— Eunice Stumpf
Security

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Backers hide No. 2's agenda

I wonder if the group Colorado for Family Values considers honesty, integrity and forthrightness to be qualities worthy of being condoned by them.

They've surely not shown any of these qualities during their campaign for Amendment 2. Why can't they be honest in their ads and acknowledge that Amendment 2 will not only prevent homosexuals from having "special" rights (which is a good thing) but it will also strip them of their right to claim discrimination when they feel they have been discriminated against solely due to their sexual orientation (which is unconscionable).

Further, it will cost the taxpayer up to $41,000 to overturn all laws now in place which give homosexuals legal recourse in those instances. These laws have already been voted on and passed by residents where they exist.

Homosexuals are people; they cannot be judged as a group. A hard-working, honest, clean gay man or woman shouldn't be legally denied housing, employment or anything else because of whom they love or have sex with.

For anyone who may have seen the Colorado for Family Values ads on TV depicting what they want you to believe "gays are all about," consider this. All blacks are not lazy or stupid — although I imagine some are. All Hispanics are not thieves — although I imagine some are. All Jews are not cheap — although I imagine some are. All blondes are not dumb — although I imagine some are. And all homosexuals are not as those shown in the ad — although I imagine some are.

Colorado for Family Values would have you believe that child molestation is mostly committed by homosexuals. Consider this. Almost without exception it is men who molest female children and it is men who molest male children. Maybe we should pass laws making it all right to discriminate against men because they are deviants. No, of course not. That would be stupid. And so is passing Amendment 2.

Please vote "No" on 2. It's the human thing to do.

— Rosemarie Twigg
Colorado Springs

Amendment 2 is good for society

Contrary to what some would like us to believe, the controversy over Amendment 2 is not about civil rights for gays and lesbians. Our government, whether it is city, county, state or federal, exists for, and by, the people that are governed.

There are many restrictions in place that do not give all people certain privileges. One has to meet several criteria before one is given the privilege to drive. Other criteria are required before one can vote. We do not look at these restrictions as violations of our civil rights, they simply are not.

Likewise, Amendment 2 would not deny homosexuals any civil rights, it would just prevent them from getting special privileges. Gays and lesbians just do not meet the requirements needed to be classed as a minority group and it has nothing to do with civil rights.

If this is the case, what's all the brouhaha about? I believe it centers on the agenda of the gay community. They want their homosexual behavior and lifestyle to be accepted as normal and proper, while most people find it revolting and disgusting. Most religious people believe it is unnatural and grossly immoral.

The attitudes of most of the people in this country are not going to change easily. They will have to force the mainstream of America to accept homosexuals and their lifestyle. This, in my opinion, is exactly what they are trying to do. They want to be classified as minorities and use the affirmative action programs to force acceptance.

Amendment 2 is about whether or not the people of this state have the right to define a particular behavior, in this case homosexuality, as harmful to our society. Amendment 2 will say to our elected officials and the gay community that we do not want gays and lesbians classified as minorities for affirmative action and pushing their gay rights agenda in our businesses, our government and our schools. For the good of our state, our children and in the long run the gays themselves, I urge you to vote "Yes" on 2.

— Tim Henry
Colorado Springs

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troops and Serb rebels, Bosnian radio said.

But it said that Prozor — scene of fierce battles between Muslim-led government forces and ethnic Croatian militia — was spared further conflict when both sides withdrew unconditionally Wednesday, as agreed the day before.

A heavy artillery barrage began Wednesday afternoon in central Sarajevo, Bosnia's besieged capital, along with heavy machine-gun and small-arms fire. The Bosnian army reported shelling in more than a dozen towns.

The Ministry of Health said Wednesday 11 people were killed in parts of the country under government control in the previous 24 hours.

Bosnia's war began when Serbs rebelled

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